De Gaulle Said to Blame Police in Kennedy Death

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PARIS, Oct. 19 — A French historian has written in a new book that Gen. Charles de Gaulle believes the police in the United States knew that President Kennedy would be assassinated, and that they wanted Lee Harvey Oswald to be killed.

In "La Tragédie du Général," the author, Jean-Raymond Tournoux, quotes President de Gaulle as saying after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963:

"The police did the job, or they ordered it done, or else they let it happen. In any case, they were involved in it. It is always thus in a country torn by racial hatreds, where there are the oppressors and the downtrodden, where the oppressors are more frightened than the oppressed, where the police, or at least some of them, are in league with the oppressors."

Book by a French Historian Says He Feels They Also Wanted Oswald Killed

The book will be published tomorrow by Plon and by Paris-Match, the weekly news magazine. Mr. Tournoux, the political editor of Paris-Match and a respected historian, interviewed those people to whom General de Gaulle speaks freely.

According to the book, General de Gaulle contends that the police wanted people to believe that Oswald was a fanatical Communist so they could start a Communist witch-hunt and that the police planned to shoot Oswald to prevent a trial. Their plans went wrong so they went to an informer (Jack Ruby) who killed Oswald "on the pretext of defending the memory of Kennedy," Mr. Tournoux writes.

General de Gaulle is also quoted as having said: "America is becoming less and less a stable country, one that can be relied on. It is returning to its old demons."